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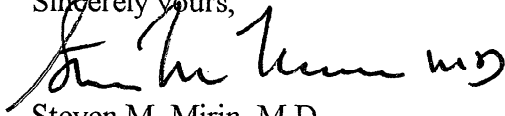
You have a heavy schedule and service to your patients must take priority over many desirable things. You receive many questionnaires and fill out many forms. I do urge your participation again in the National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS). I believe that it is the most sound and valuable mechanism developed thus far for collecting national data on office-based ambulatory practice and has been of enormous value to the American Psychiatric Association.

The continued support of the American Psychiatric Association and the support generated among all physicians is indispensable in the inauguration of this research program. There is considerable interest in gaining the information produced -- basic information which can prove to be an original, invaluable base for planning and organizing health services, assessing health facility and manpower requirements, determining desirable modifications in medical education programs and providing increased knowledge reflecting the nature, history and epidemiology of disease in the ambulatory setting.

Along with other medical organizations, we have been involved in finalizing the NAMCS forms and procedures. I believe you will find the survey design minimizes the amount of record-keeping and time involved and maximizes the utility of the data collected. In addition, strict confidentiality provisions are to be maintained, with only summary data to be published and made available to the medical profession, to health planners and researchers, and to the public.

I am confident that all will find the information derived will be well worth the extra individual effort expended by participating physicians like yourself. Again, I urge your support for the NAMCS by providing the information requested. We look forward in anticipation to obtaining and utilizing the results of this important research study.

Sincerely yours,



Steven M. Mirin, M.D.
Medical Director

